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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
        MAINTAINING AN OPEN AIRWAY

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Examiner: Jackson, Brandon Lee

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Copies of the references on the PTO/SB/08 are not provided.

Applicant also calls the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending application, the prosecution of which may be relevant to the pending application:

U.S. Application No. 11/021,157, entitled, "Methods and Devices for Relieving Upper Airway Obstructions", filed on December 22, 2004.
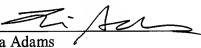
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